



# GreenCircle® Award Program

## Application Form

Applicant:

Mailing Address:

City/Town:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

ext.

Fax:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone:

ext.

Fax:

### Applicant Sector (check one)

Business/Industry

Government/Institutional

School

Individual/Group

### Qualifying Projects:

Improve public access to shore/waterfront/private lands/streams through voluntary projects

Promote or sponsor a company-wide or facility-wide employee commute program

Execute changes that reduce annual energy or water consumption rates by more than 15%

Design and develop building projects that fulfill Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements

Convert or purchase fleet vehicles that run on natural gas, electricity or other alternative fuels

Voluntarily convert or retrofit existing diesel-powered fleet or off-road construction vehicles to significantly reduce air emissions (e.g., retrofit with diesel oxidation catalysts, install diesel particulate filters, convert to ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, etc.)

Create or purchase and retire air emission reduction credits beyond minimum compliance requirements

Monitor reductions in Greenhouse Gas emissions and meet the U.S. Department of Energy reporting requirements of the "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases" program

Join EPA's Energy Star program and actively participate in DEP's CT partnership

Adopt a vacant lot, park, community garden, stretch of highway or beach for a year

Organize a river watch program

Sponsor a river, beach or neighborhood clean-up day

Promote conservation and preservation of critical plant or animal habitats

Implement habitat enhancements for fish or wildlife on public or private property

Voluntarily contribute significant time or resources to environmental instructional programs, DEP fish and wildlife projects, water quality monitoring programs, or lake, river, or watershed associations

Donate significant time or resources to assist with environmental projects sponsored by youth groups, or community or conservation organizations

Open large tracts of private property for public recreation

Install a 100% recycled process or cooling water system

Certify to ISO 14001

Implement improved environmental management techniques and procedures that go significantly beyond the minimum requirements for certification as a Clean Marina

Reduce or eliminate the use of elemental mercury or products containing elemental mercury (e.g., thermometers, thermostats, etc.)

Document and implement a facility-wide pollution prevention plan

Implement manufacturing processes that eliminate or significantly reduce the quantity or toxicity of a facility's waste stream

Implement clean energy generation projects utilizing fuel cells, solar, geothermal or wind power

Implement a facility-wide integrated pest management program

Voluntarily install a denitrification or UV disinfection program for water treatment

Purchase "green-e" certified renewable power that equals or exceeds 10% of energy load of a business or governmental facility; agreement to purchase power must include a minimum contract commitment term of 3 years.

Purchase an alternative fueled vehicle that generates lower emissions

Implement recycling specifications for construction and demolition waste in state or municipally funded building projects

Capture and reuse methane from landfills

Consistently use more than 40% recycled fiber in newspaper and other newsprint publications

Separate organic materials at schools or cafeterias for composting or animal feed

Execute an innovative purchasing program that promotes the procurement of recycled and environmentally preferable products

Successfully implement an innovative and unique recycling program

### **Brief Project Description:**

I/we certify that the information provided is true and accurate, I am/we are not currently the subject of any enforcement action for violation of environmental laws in the State of Connecticut, and the project goes beyond compliance with minimum regulatory requirements. I/we agree to share our project with others through a written case study if requested by the Department.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

### **How to Apply**

Fill out the applicant information section, check off the appropriate project activity type(s), provide a brief explanation of your project(s), sign and date the certification, and mail or fax the completed form to:



**GreenCircle Award Program**  
**Office of the Ombudsman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Department of Environmental Protection**  
**79 Elm Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06106-5127**  
**Fax: 860-424-4153**

Applications for the GreenCircle Award program will be accepted for project activities completed within the 18 months before the date you apply. For current school projects to be recognized before the summer break, the application deadline is May 1st. To be considered for recognition at the annual Pollution Prevention ceremony, applications must be received by August 1st. Applicants may apply for more than one of the listed projects. Previous winners are encouraged to apply again for on-going efforts or new projects.